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SUBJECT: URENCO FUEL SUPPLY TO BRAZIL

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1. WE SAW MOBERLY APRIL 14, MADE ORALLY POINTS IN
PARA 2 REFTEL AND LEFT NON-PAPER.

2. MOBERLY SAID HE TOOK ON BOARD US CONCERNS AND, AS
FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN HAD PROMISED SECRETARY VANCE,
HMG WOULD STRING OUT CONFIRMATION OF URENCO FUEL CON-
TRACTS TO BRAZIL AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THIS
WOULD BE A DAY BY DAY, WEEK BY WEEK PROCESS AND IT WAS
UNLIKELY A DECISION ON THE URENCO CONTRACT COULD BE
DELAYED BEYOND MAY. MOBERLY STRESSED THAT THE BRITISH
WERE DEDICATED TO GIVING THE US AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE
TO "WORK A MIRACLE," BUT AT THE SAME TIME WANTED NO
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CONFRONTATION WITH THE FRG OVER THE MATTER. IF THE US
MERLINS HAD NOT WORKED THEIR MAGIC BY MAY, THE UK WOULD
HAVE TO THINK AGAIN.

3. MOBERLY WENT ON THAT AFTER ONE POSTPONEMENT, THE
TRIPARTITE OFFICIAL MEETING ON THIS ISSUE WILL TAKE
PLACE IN LONDON APRIL 19. THE GERMANS WILL ARRIVE ON

THE AFTERNOON OF THE 18TH FOR A BILATERAL AND THE DUTCH WILL HAVE SEPARATE TALKS WITH THE BRITISH THE MORNING OF THE 19TH. WITH ANY LUCK, MOBERLY SAID, MINISTERS WOULD NOT TAKE UP THE QUESTION ON THE FRINGES OF THE APRIL 18 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING.

4. MOBERLY NOTED THAT APRIL 18 WOULD BE A BUSY DAY BECAUSE DE NAZELLE AND COMPANY ARE ARRIVING FROM PARIS FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH HMG.

5. FINALLY, MOBERLY SAID THAT IF THINGS GET TOUGH WITH THE GERMANS, IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP TO THE UK IF IT WERE ABLE TO SAY THAT THE US WAS HAVING SOME SUCCESS IN ITS EFFORTS TO WORK ON THE BRAZILIANS. WAS THE US, HE ASKED, STILL HOPEFUL THAT SOMETHING COULD BE DONE FROM THE BRASILIA END OF THE PROBLEM? WE SAID WE WOULD KEEP HIM INFORMED AS TALKS WITH BOTH PARTIES PROCEEDED, BUT THAT IN ANY EVENT HE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS' TIME FOR A FULL DISCUSSION WITH US IN BILATERAL MEETING PRIOR TO NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE.

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